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## House of Representatives

The House is in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

## Senate

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1995

(Legislative day of Friday, December 29, 1995)

The Senate met at 12 noon, on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN H. CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, the Reverend George Anderson, pastor of Mount Oak United Methodist Church, Bowie, MD.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. George Anderson, pastor of Mount Oak United Methodist Church, Bowie, MD, offered the following prayer.

Let us pray:

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

Another year dies—a new year is born. New challenges, new opportunities, new responsibilities, new occasions arise, demanding our best, requiring wisdom, vision, foresight, and courage.

O Lord God—Beautiful Savior, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace—I pray for the men and women of the U.S. Senate, their families, and their staffs, that You would watch over them with Your holy angels each day through the year that lies ahead; that

You would protect them, bless them, and guide them. Your word declares that "when a man's ways are pleasing to God, He makes even his enemies to live in peace with him."

O Ruler of Heaven—Lord of lords and King of kings, take charge in this Chamber. May Your will be done in this place through the guidance of Your holy spirit. Bind the powers of darkness that they might have no voice or place here.

And may the people of this land be blessed by the work that is done here. May the people—Your people—be encouraged, strengthened, liberated, and not ever weakened or oppressed by the laws enacted in these Chambers. Watch over our men and women in Bosnia and protect them, we pray.

As we commit to You the year that is ending, with all its successes and failures, so also we commit to you the year that lies ahead, with all its hopes and fears.

Thank You, O beautiful Savior that we don't have to face either the past, the present, or the future alone. But You promise to walk with us, as we put our trust in You.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in;  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

We pray this prayer in the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—and Jesus. Amen.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, December 31, 1995.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. CHAFEE thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, the Democratic leader and I will be on the floor momentarily. We are trying to figure out some way to work out a problem we have. Hopefully we can get it done. In the meantime, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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